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TITLE OF INVENTION: ENHANCED UPLINK DEDICATED CHANNEL - APPLICATION PROTOCOL OVER LUB/LUR

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Notice of Allowability**Application No.**

10/802,391

Applicant(s)

HWANG ET AL.

Examiner

MICHAEL T. VU

Art Unit

2617

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 09/23/2011.
2. ☐ An election was made by the applicant in response to a restriction requirement set forth during the interview on ____; the restriction requirement and election have been incorporated into this action.
3. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 6,50-55,57-62,64 and 66.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
- 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date ____.
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7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date ____.
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date ____.
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other ____.

/Kiet Doan/
Primary Examiner, Art Unit 2617

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 09/23/2011 has been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

2. **Claims 50-55, 57-62, 64 and 66-68** are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

With respect to claim 50, the closest prior art record, Seo (US 2003/0232622) teaches method of configuring a radio uplink comprising:

receiving at a network an information element having both a cell specific parameter and a radio link specific parameter, in respective messages on an interface between the network element and a radio network controller for configuring the radio uplink from a user equipment to the network element,

However, Seo alone or in combination fails teaches or fairly suggest, configuring the radio uplink at the network element, and

receiving a payload packet from the user equipment to the network element over the radio uplink after the uplink is configured at the network element,

wherein at least one of said respective messages enables said configuring the radio uplink, and

wherein prior to said receiving said information element on said interface between said network element and said radio network controller, said radio network controller decides a value for said cell specific parameter or said radio link specific parameter, or both, for sending said, information element with said cell specific parameter and said radio link specific parameter in said respective messages on said interface from said radio network controller to said network element.

With respect to claim 53, the closest prior art record, Seo (US 2003/0232622) teaches method of configuring a radio uplink comprising:

sending an information element having both a cell specific parameter and a radio link specific parameter, in respective messages on an interface to a network element from a radio network controller for configuring the radio uplink from a user equipment to the network element,

However, Seo alone or in combination fails teaches or fairly suggest, receiving a payload packet from a network element after the payload packet has been sent from the user equipment to the network element over the radio uplink that has been configured,

wherein at least one of said respective messages enables said configuring the radio uplink, and

wherein prior to said sending said information element on said interface between said network element and said radio network controller, said radio network controller decides a value for said cell specific parameter or said radio link specific parameter, or both, for said sending said information element with said cell specific parameter and said radio link specific parameter in said respective messages on said interface from said radio network controller to said network element.

With respect to claim 60, the closest prior art record, Seo (US 2003/0232622) teaches a system, comprising:

a network element and a radio network controller connected by a signaling interface and arranged to configure a first radio uplink from a user equipment to the network element, the signaling interface being arranged to convey messages having information elements that contain parameters from the radio network controller to the network element,

However, Seo alone or in combination fails teaches or fairly suggest,

wherein the information elements have both a cell specific parameter and a radio link specific parameter, and are conveyed in respective messages on signaling the signaling interface between the network element and the radio network controller,

wherein the user equipment is arranged to send a payload packet to the network element over the first radio uplink after the first radio uplink is configured at the user equipment for sending the payload packet to the radio network controller,

wherein at least one of said respective messages is arranged to enable said configuring the first radio uplink, and

wherein the information elements are arranged to configure a second radio uplink between the network element and the user equipment, the first radio network controller being configured to receive a payload packet from the network element over the signaling interface, the second radio network controller being configured to receive the payload packet from the second network element after receipt by the network element from the user equipment over the second radio uplink, and the radio network controller being configured to send the payload packet received from the network element to the radio network controller following the reception by the network element from the user equipment for transfer from the radio network controller.

With respect to claim 61, the closest prior art record, Seo (US 2003/0232622) teaches a data structure configured to be at least temporarily stored in a non-transitory computer readable medium, the data structure comprising:

information having both a cell specific parameter and a radio link specific parameter to be transferred in respective messages on an interface between from a network element to a radio network controller in order to configure a radio uplink from a user equipment to the network element,

However, Seo alone or in combination fails teaches or fairly suggest, wherein said configuring is carried out in order to enable transmission of a payload packet from the user equipment to the network element over the radio uplink and from the network element to the radio network controller,

wherein at least one of said respective messages enables said configuring the radio uplink, and

wherein prior to said transferring of said information on said interface between said network element and said radio network controller, said radio network controller decides a value for said cell specific parameter or said radio link specific parameter, or both, for said sending said information with said cell specific parameter and said radio link specific parameter in said respective messages on said interface from said radio network controller to said network element.

With respect to claim 62, the closest prior art record, Seo (US 2003/0232622) teaches apparatus comprising:

a first interface configured to communicate information having both a cell specific parameter and a radio link specific parameter in respective messages to a network element from the apparatus in order to configure a radio uplink from a user equipment to the network element; and

However, Seo alone or in combination fails teaches or fairly suggest,

a second interface configured to communicate the information between the apparatus which is a radio network controller and a second radio network controller connected to a second network element,

wherein at least one of said respective messages is arranged to enable said configuring the radio uplink, and

wherein prior to communicating said information on said first interface between said network element and said apparatus, said apparatus is configured to decide a value for said cell specific parameter or said radio link specific parameter, or both, for sending said information with said cell specific parameter and said radio link specific parameter in said respective messages on said first interface from said apparatus to said network element.

With respect to claim 64, the closest prior art record, Seo (US 2003/0232622) teaches apparatus comprising:

a first interface arranged to communicate information having both a cell specific parameter and a radio link specific parameter in respective messages between the apparatus, which is a network element, and a radio network controller in order to configure an uplink channel on a radio link; and

However, Seo alone or in combination fails teaches or fairly suggest,

a second interface arranged to communicate signals related to said configuring the uplink channel between the network element and the user equipment, and arranged to receive a payload packet from the user equipment to the network element over the

radio uplink after said configuring the uplink channel on the radio link is carried out by the network element,

wherein the first interface is also arranged to convey the payload packet from the network element to the radio network controller following the reception by the network element from the user equipment,

wherein at least one of said respective messages is arranged to enable said configuring the uplink, and

wherein prior to communicating said information on said first interface between said apparatus and said radio network controller a value is decided by said radio network controller for said cell specific parameter or said radio link specific parameter, or both, for sending said information with said cell specific parameter and said radio link specific parameter in said respective messages on said first interface from said radio network controller to said apparatus.

With respect to claim 66, the closest prior art record, Seo (US 2003/0232622) teaches a data structure for at least temporary storage in a non-transitory computer readable medium, the data structure comprising:

information having both a cell specific parameter and a radio link specific parameter for transfer in respective messages on an interface between a network element and a user equipment in order to configure a radio uplink from the user equipment to the network element,

However, Seo alone or in combination fails teaches or fairly suggest,

wherein said configuring is carried out at the network element, for enabling transmission of a payload packet from the user equipment to the network element over the radio uplink and from the network element to the radio network controller,

wherein at least one of said respective messages is arranged to enable said configuring the radio uplink, and

wherein prior to said sending said information on said interface between said network element and said radio network controller, said radio network controller decides a value for said cell specific parameter or said radio link specific parameter, or both, for said sending said information with said cell specific parameter and said radio link specific parameter in said respective messages on said interface from said radio network controller to said network element.

With respect to claim 67, the closest prior art record, Seo (US 2003/0232622) teaches apparatus comprising:

a first means for communicating information having both a cell specific parameter and a radio link specific parameter in respective messages between the apparatus, which is a network element, and a radio network controller for configuring an uplink channel on a radio link; and

However, Seo alone or in combination fails teaches or fairly suggest,

a second means for communicating signals related to said configuring the uplink channel between the network element and the user equipment, and arranged to receive a payload packet from the user equipment to the network element over the radio uplink

after said configuring the uplink channel on the radio link is carried out by the network element,

wherein the first means is also for conveying the payload packet from the network element to the radio network controller following the reception by the network element from the user equipment,

wherein at least one of said respective messages is arranged to enable said configuring the uplink, and

wherein prior to communicating said information by said first means between said apparatus and said radio network controller a value is decided by said radio network controller decides for said cell specific parameter or said radio link specific parameter, or both, for sending said information with said cell specific parameter and said radio link specific parameter in said respective messages by said first means from said radio network controller to said apparatus.

Dependent Claims 51-52, 54-55, 57-59, and 68 are allowable for the same reason as set forth above.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance".

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael T. Vu whose telephone number is (571) 272-8131. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00am - 6:00pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Charles N. Appiah can be reached on 571-272-7904. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-272-8300.

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